

Dual Credits

There are a number of dual credit opportunities available to students in the Limestone District School Board. In this program, students earn both high school credits and college credits at the same time.

The benefits of this program are:

- students gain exposure to college programs which will allow them to make more informed decisions regarding their post-secondary destination
- students can earn a college credit and a high school credit.
- tuition, books and transportation costs will be paid by PASS (regional committee) Dual Credit project.
- students will have the opportunity to experience campus life and learn at the college level.
- students will have an opportunity to link their cooperative education learning experiences to a college level program if they are enrolled in coop.

Dual credit programs currently running at St. Lawrence College are:

- Triple Play - students go to the college once or twice per week and take a college course taught by a college instructor. A secondary school teacher assists by monitoring the students to help them be successful.
- Photography and Culture- students in this focus program spend half of their time at St. Lawrence College. They earn two college credits and three high school credits. The college credits are instructed by St. Lawrence College professors and are assisted by the Limestone Focus program teacher while at St. Lawrence College.
- Law and Security Focus Program- Students attend St. Lawrence College one day per week and participate in the Police Foundations fitness program. They will earn one credit towards their diploma if they choose to attend any Ontario college as well as the high school credit.
- Community Service Focus Program - Students attend St. Lawrence College one day per week and participate in the Therapeutic Activities course. They will earn one credit towards their diploma if they choose to attend any Ontario college as well as the high school credit.
- BCIP- Building Construction Internship Program- Students attend St. Lawrence College fulltime earning their level one apprenticeship, coop credits and dual credits towards their college transcript.
- Brick and Stone Mason Apprenticeship- Students earn dual credits at St. Lawrence College towards their community college and high school transcript. They also earn hours towards their apprenticeship as a Brick and Stone mason.
- Hairstylist Apprenticeship- Students attend St. Lawrence College while earning dual credits and hours towards their apprenticeship in hairstyling.

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Construction Arts and Culture, Construction, Hospitality and Manufacturing

What is an SHSM?

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is one of the innovative new programs introduced by the Ministry of Education in 2006 as part of the provincial Student Success Strategy designed to “reach every student”. The SHSM enables students to customize their high school experience to suit their interests and talents while preparing them for a successful post secondary transition into apprenticeship training, college, university, or direct entry into employment.

Limestone students will have the opportunity in 2008/2009 to qualify for an SHSM in one of four sector specific areas of interest; Arts and Culture, Construction, Hospitality or Manufacturing.

What are the benefits of an SHSM?

Completing a Specialist High Skills Major in Arts and Culture, Construction, Hospitality or Manufacturing acknowledges students have gained the necessary credits, skills, knowledge and sector specific certifications associated with a chosen industry or lifelong passion.

Students earning the SHSM will be able to make more informed career decisions and ultimately be better prepared for their post secondary destination of choice.

Students who have earned the SHSM can provide evidence of their achievement of sector-recognized certifications and training programs to prospective employers and postsecondary educational or training institutions.

How do Students earn an SHSM?

A Specialist High Skills Major is comprised of five required components, which includes;

- ▶ a bundle of 8-10 **credits**, defined as, 4 major credits, 3-4 required credits and 2 coop credits